GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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PER CAPITA ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL SECTORS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita allocation of funds for the development of agriculture and rural sectors especially in the backward and rural areas of the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the amount demanded by the State Government and sanctioned by the Planning Commission for the purpose during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (b): Based on discussions with the States, Planning Commission allocates the total Annual Plan Outlays of each State to various sectors such as agriculture, rural development, water resources, power, industry, transport, health & family welfare, social welfare and backward classes etc. Expenditure/ Outlays by the States in their Annual Plans to the Agriculture and Allied Sector and the Rural Development Sector are enclosed at Annexure-I and II. Since agriculture is performed predominantly in the rural areas, most of the funds under Agriculture and Allied Sector and almost entire flow of funds in the case of Rural Development Sector is meant for the rural areas. Outlay to these sectors is not made on per-capita basis.

The State Governments allocate outlays to the different regions such as backward areas keeping in view the specific needs of the States,availability of resources and the broad Plan priorities. For speedy development of the backward areas, however, Government of India is implementing Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF); which has replaced Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) from 2006-07. Amounts released to the States under BRGF/RSVY are given at Annexure III.